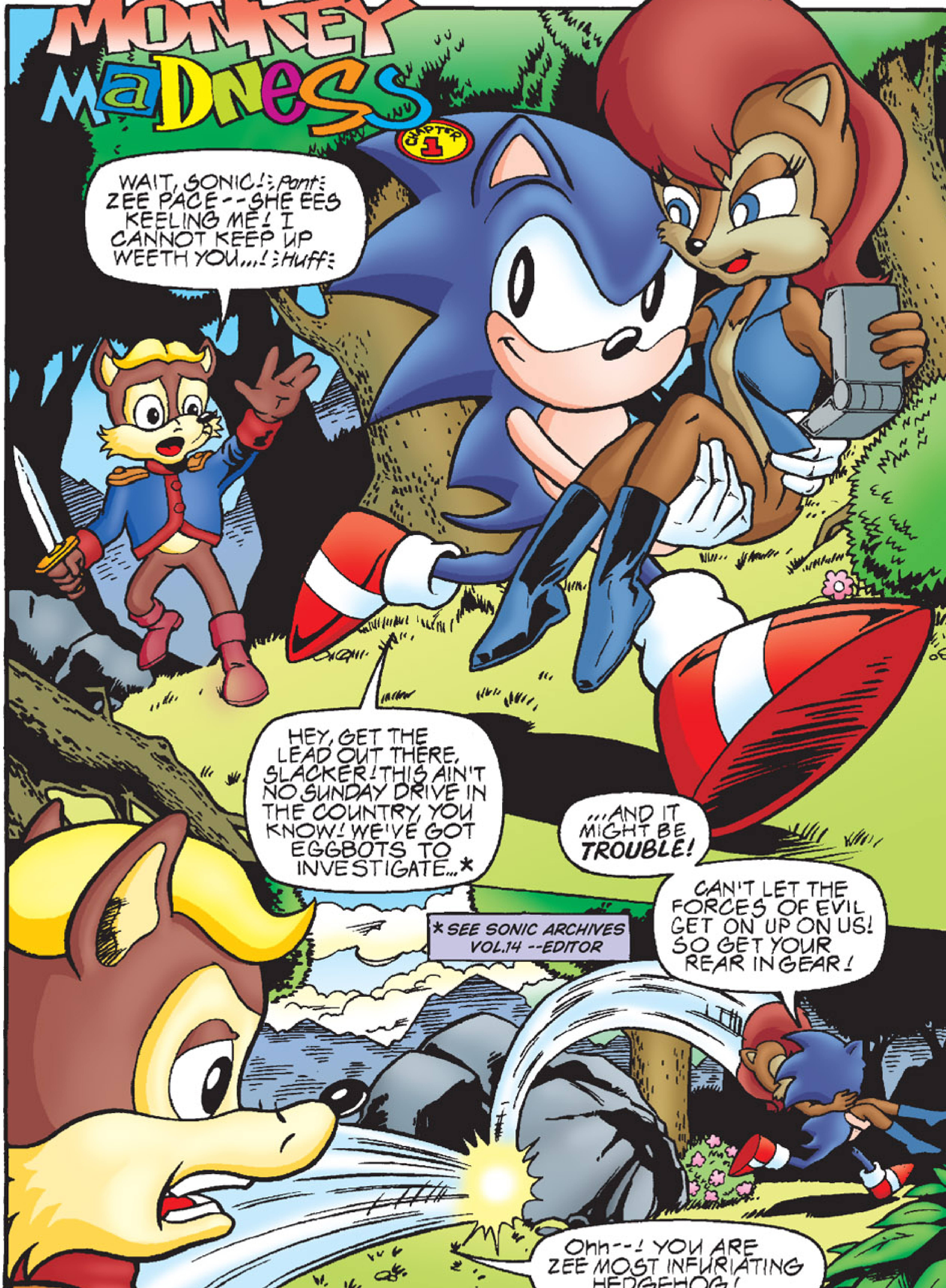


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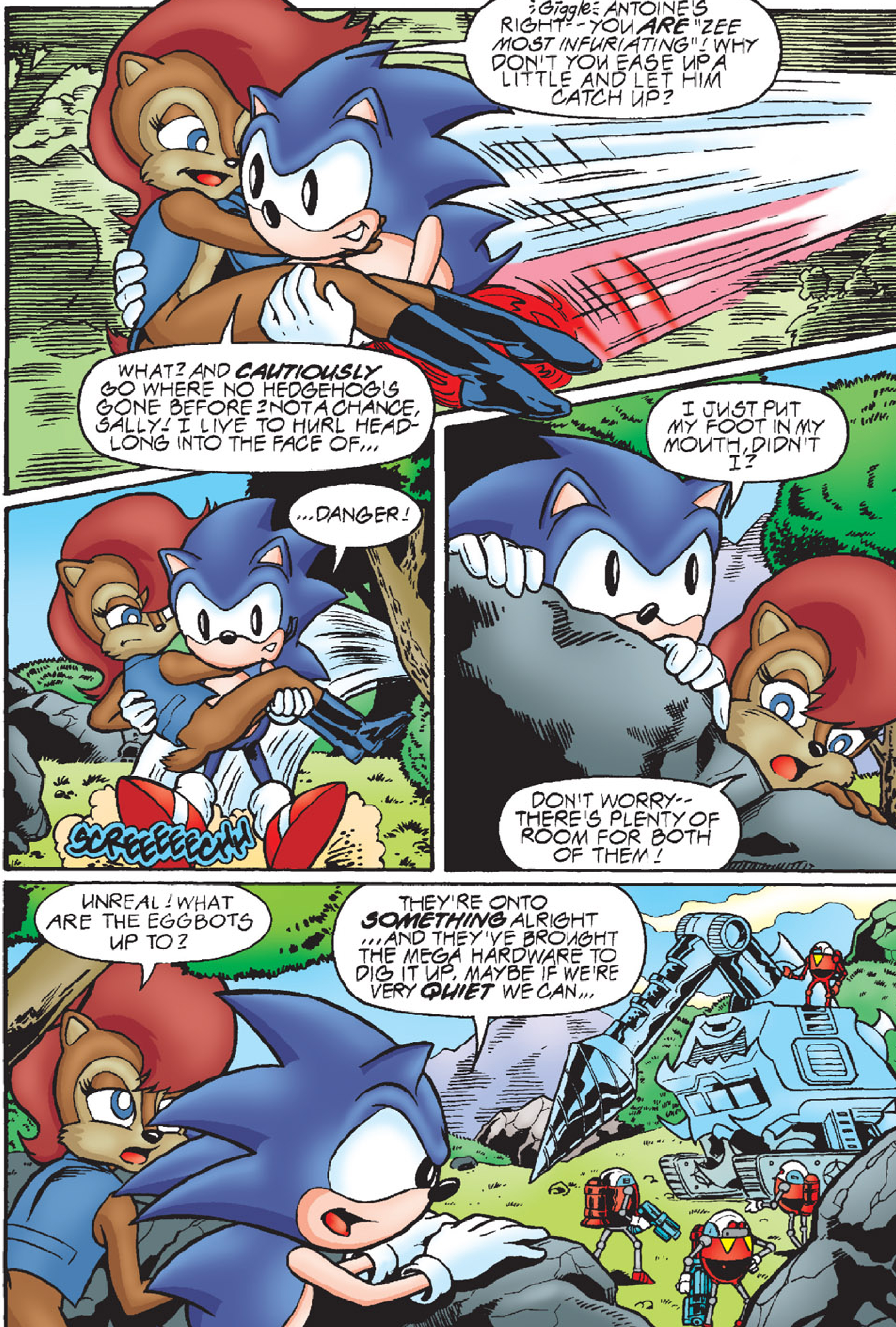
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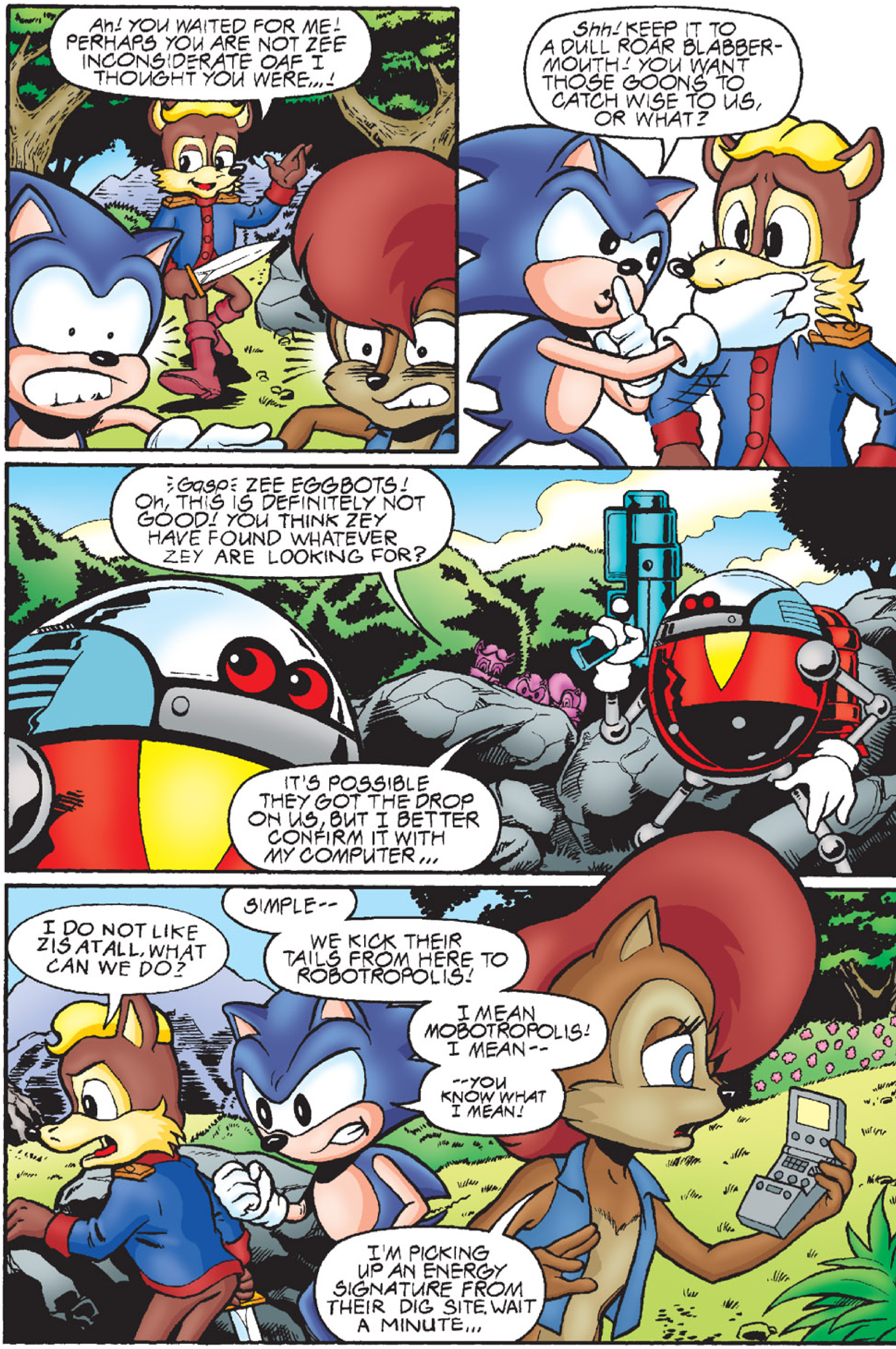
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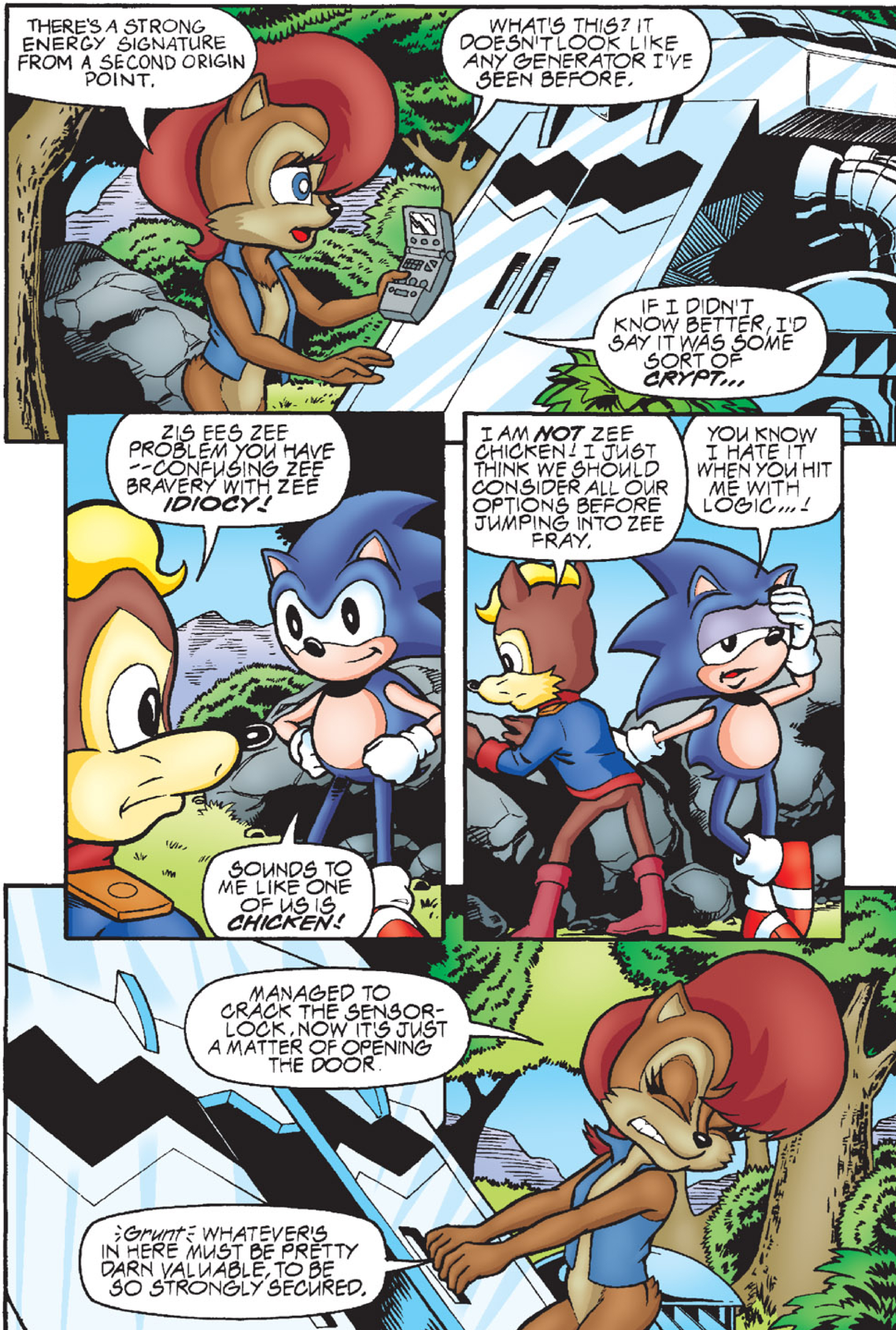
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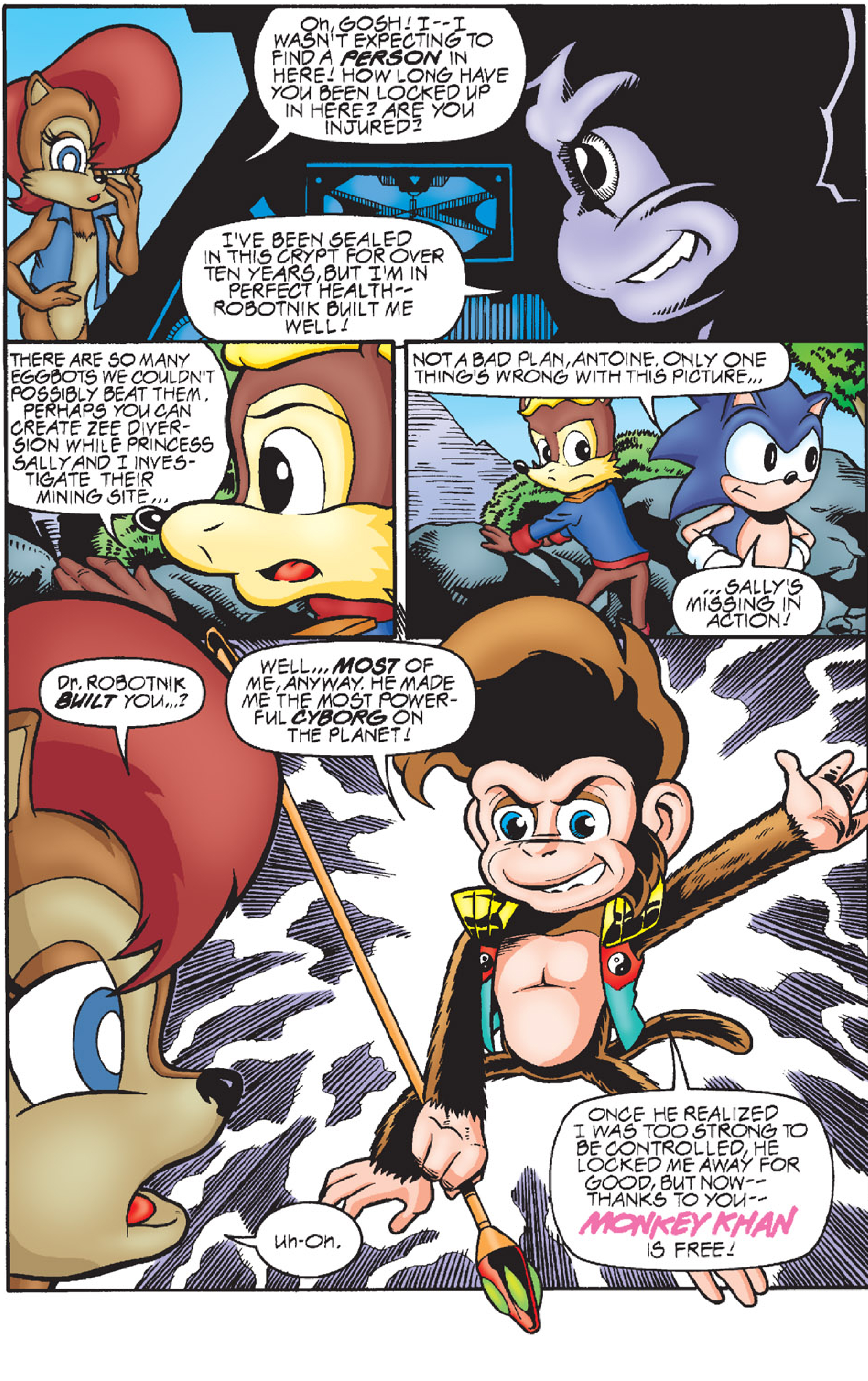


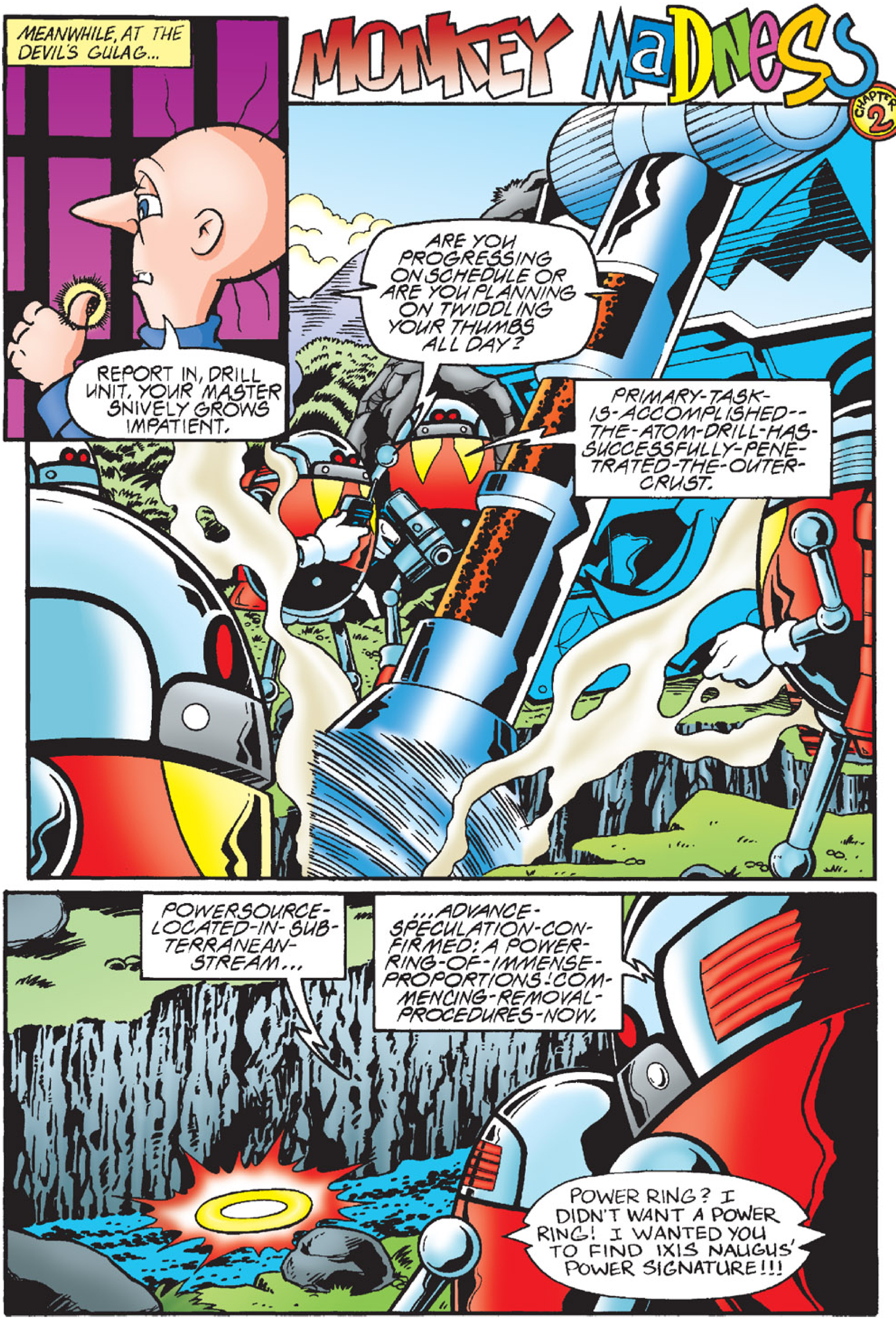
:Giggle: ANTOINE'S RIGHT--YOU ARE "ZEE MOST INFURIATING"! WHY DON'T YOU EASE UP A LITTLE AND LET HIM CATCH UP?
WHAT? AND CAUTIOUSLY GO WHERE NO HEDGEHOG'S GONE BEFORE? NOT A CHANCE, SALLY! I LIVE TO HURL HEAD-LONG INTO THE FACE OF...
...DANGER!
SCREEEEECH!
I JUST PUT MY FOOT IN MY MOUTH, DIDN'T I?
DON'T WORRY--THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM FOR BOTH OF THEM!
UNREAL! WHAT ARE THE EGGBOTS UP TO?
THEY'RE ONTO SOMETHING ALRIGHT ...AND THEY'VE BROUGHT THE MEGA HARDWARE TO DIG IT UP. MAYBE IF WE'RE VERY QUIET WE CAN...

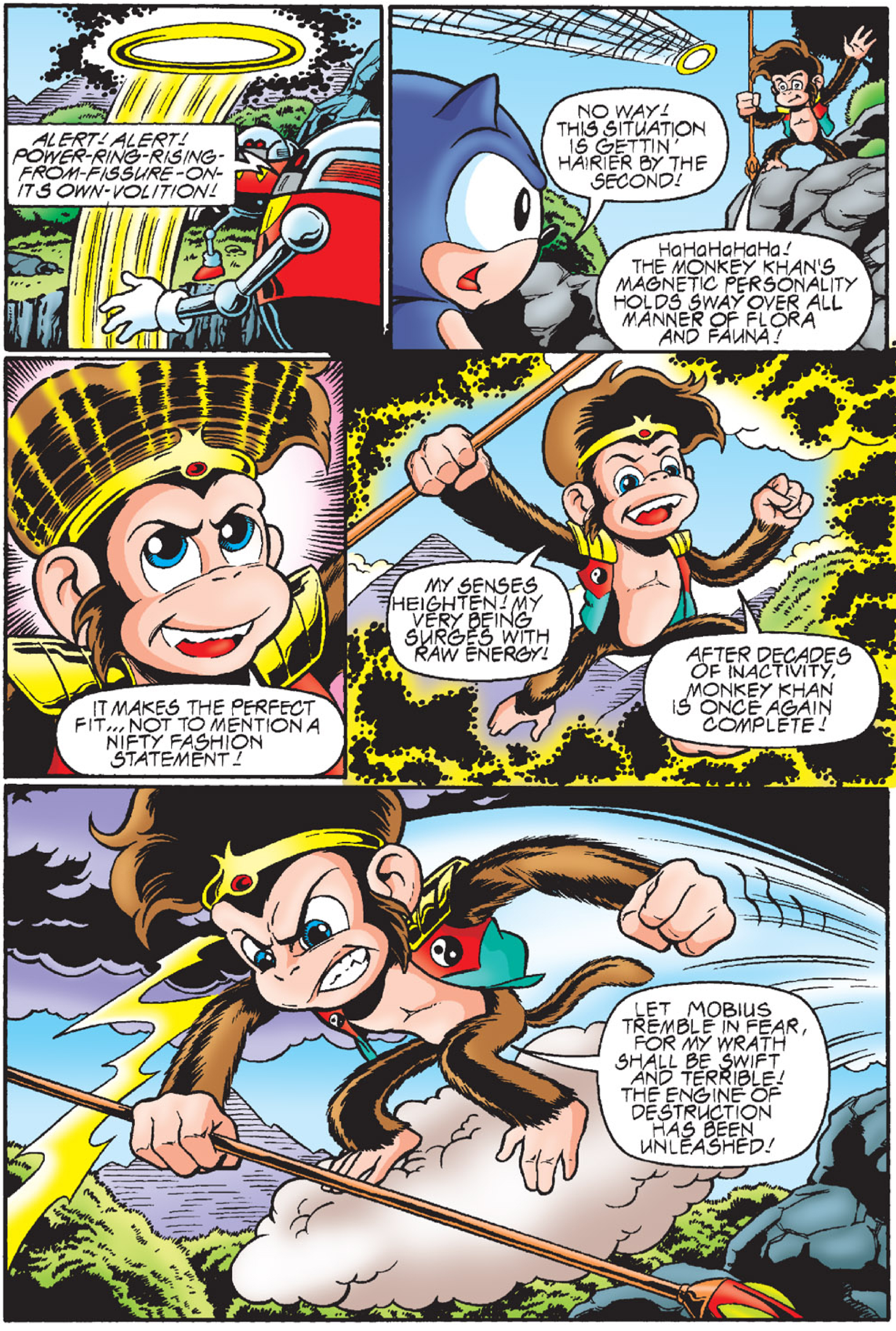


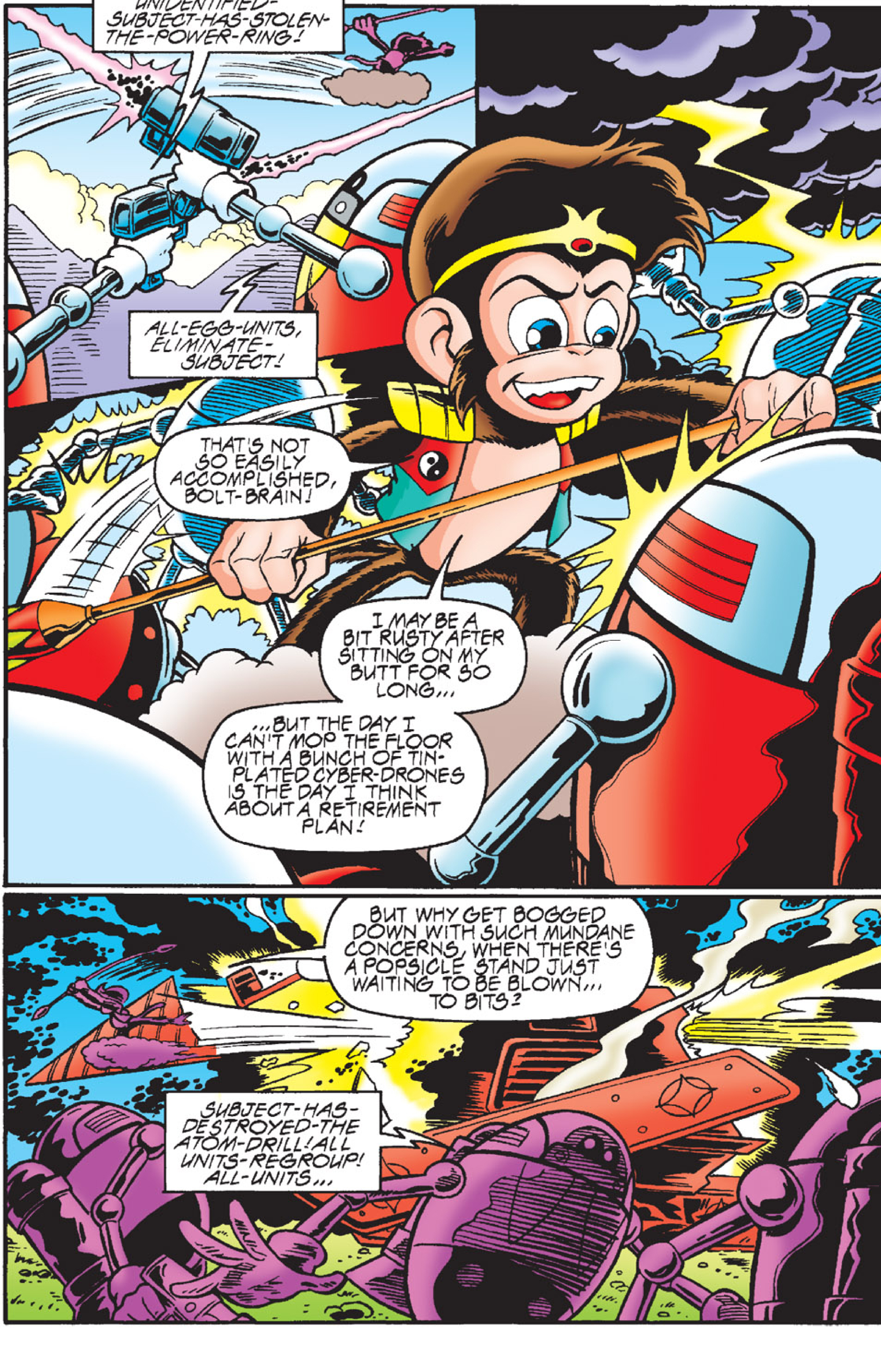
Ah! YOU WAITED FOR ME! PERHAPS YOU ARE NOT ZEE INCONSIDERATE OAF I THOUGHT YOU WERE...!
Shh! KEEP IT TO A DULL ROAR BLABBER-MOUTH! YOU WANT THOSE GOONS TO CATCH WISE TO US, OR WHAT?
:Gasp: ZEE EGGBOTS! Oh, THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT GOOD! YOU THINK ZEY HAVE FOUND WHATEVER ZEY ARE LOOKING FOR?
IT'S POSSIBLE THEY GOT THE DROP ON US, BUT I BETTER CONFIRM IT WITH MY COMPUTER...
I DO NOT LIKE ZIS AT ALL. WHAT CAN WE DO?
SIMPLE--
WE KICK THEIR TAILS FROM HERE TO ROBOTROPOLIS!
I MEAN MOBOTROPOLIS! I MEAN--
--YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!
I'M PICKING UP AN ENERGY SIGNATURE FROM THEIR DIG SITE. WAIT A MINUTE...

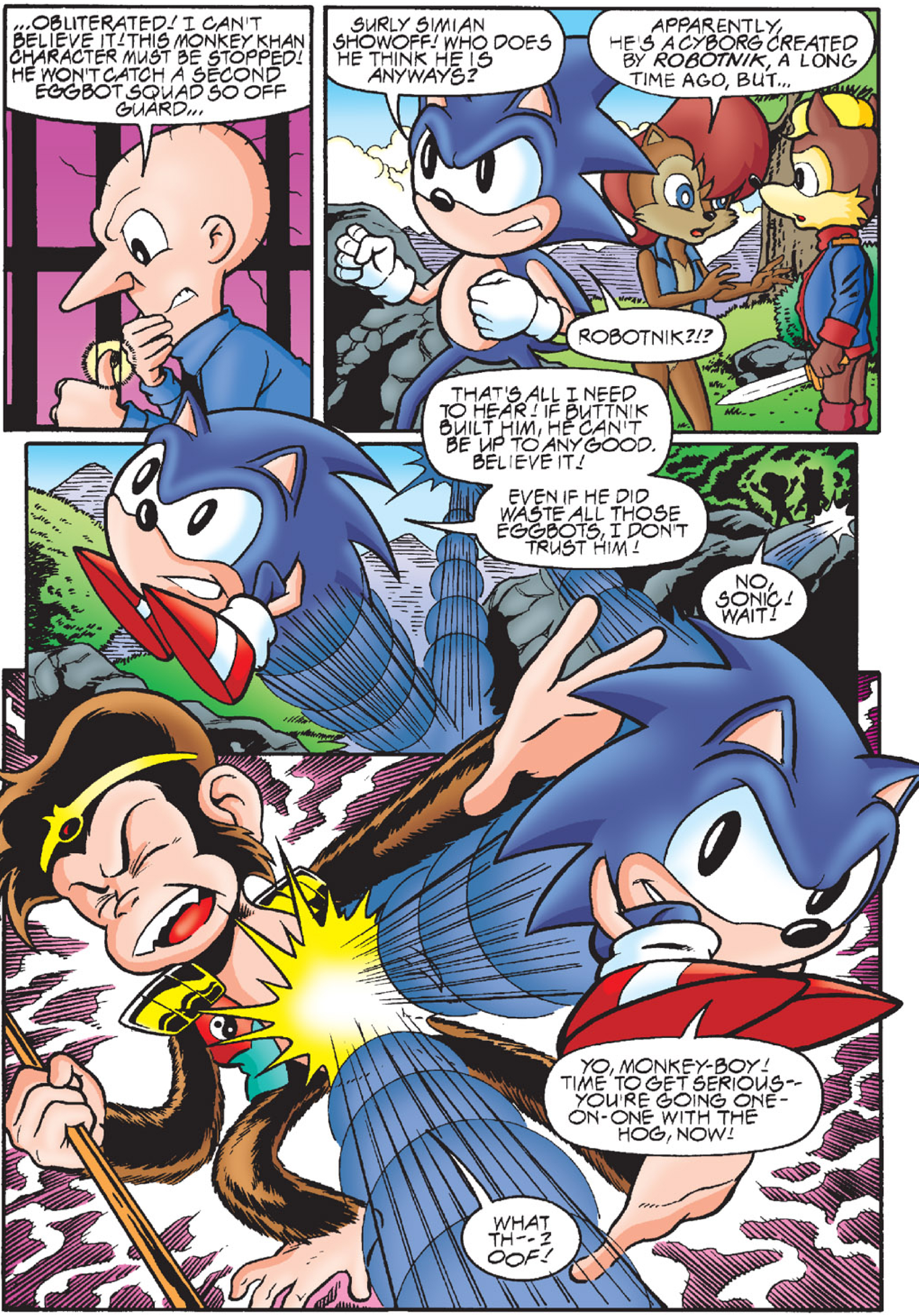

THERE'S A STRONG ENERGY SIGNATURE FROM A SECOND ORIGIN POINT.
WHAT'S THIS? IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANY GENERATOR I'VE SEEN BEFORE.
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SAY IT WAS SOME SORT OF CRYPT...
ZIS EES ZEE PROBLEM YOU HAVE --CONFUSING ZEE BRAVERY WITH ZEE IDIOCY!
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE ONE OF US IS CHICKEN!
I AM NOT ZEE CHICKEN! I JUST THINK WE SHOULD CONSIDER ALL OUR OPTIONS BEFORE JUMPING INTO ZEE FRAY.
YOU KNOW I HATE IT WHEN YOU HIT ME WITH LOGIC...!
MANAGED TO CRACK THE SENSOR-LOCK, NOW IT'S JUST A MATTER OF OPENING THE DOOR.
:Grunt: WHATEVER'S IN HERE MUST BE PRETTY DARN VALUABLE, TO BE SO STRONGLY SECURED.


Oh, GOSH! I--I WASN'T EXPECTING TO FIND A **PERSON** IN HERE! HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN LOCKED UP IN HERE? ARE YOU INJURED?
I'VE BEEN SEALED IN THIS CRYPT FOR OVER TEN YEARS, BUT I'M IN PERFECT HEALTH-- ROBOTNIK BUILT ME WELL!
THERE ARE SO MANY EGGBOTS WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY BEAT THEM. PERHAPS YOU CAN CREATE ZEE DIVERSION WHILE PRINCESS SALLY AND I INVESTIGATE THEIR MINING SITE...
NOT A BAD PLAN, ANTOINE. ONLY ONE THING'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE...
...SALLY'S MISSING IN ACTION!
Dr. ROBOTNIK **BUILT** YOU...?
WELL... **MOST** OF ME, ANYWAY. HE MADE ME THE MOST POWERFUL **CYBORG** ON THE PLANET!
ONCE HE REALIZED I WAS TOO STRONG TO BE CONTROLLED, HE LOCKED ME AWAY FOR GOOD, BUT NOW-- THANKS TO YOU-- MONKEY KHAN IS FREE!
Uh-Oh.


MONKEY MADNESS
CHAPTER 2
MEANWHILE, AT THE DEVIL'S GULAG...
REPORT IN, DRILL UNIT. YOUR MASTER SNIVELY GROWS IMPATIENT.
ARE YOU PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE OR ARE YOU PLANNING ON TWIDDLING YOUR THUMBS ALL DAY?
PRIMARY-TASK-IS-ACCOMPLISHED--THE-ATOM-DRILL-HAS-SUCCESSFULLY-PENETRATED-THE-OUTER-CRUST.
POWERSOURCE-LOCATED-IN-SUBTERRANEAN-STREAM...
...ADVANCE-SPECULATION-CONFIRMED: A POWER-RING-OF-IMMENSE-PROPORTIONS! COMMENCING-REMOVAL-PROCEDURES-NOW.
POWER RING? I DIDN'T WANT A POWER RING! I WANTED YOU TO FIND IXIS NAUGUS' POWER SIGNATURE!!!


ALERT! ALERT! POWER-RING-RISING-FROM-FISSURE-ON-ITS OWN-VOLITION!
NO WAY! THIS SITUATION IS GETTIN' HAIRIER BY THE SECOND!
HaHaHaHaHa! THE MONKEY KHAN'S MAGNETIC PERSONALITY HOLDS SWAY OVER ALL MANNER OF FLORA AND FAUNA!
IT MAKES THE PERFECT FIT... NOT TO MENTION A NIFTY FASHION STATEMENT!
MY SENSES HEIGHTEN! MY VERY BEING SURGES WITH RAW ENERGY!
AFTER DECADES OF INACTIVITY, MONKEY KHAN IS ONCE AGAIN COMPLETE!
LET MOBIUS TREMBLE IN FEAR, FOR MY WRATH SHALL BE SWIFT AND TERRIBLE! THE ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION HAS BEEN UNLEASHED!

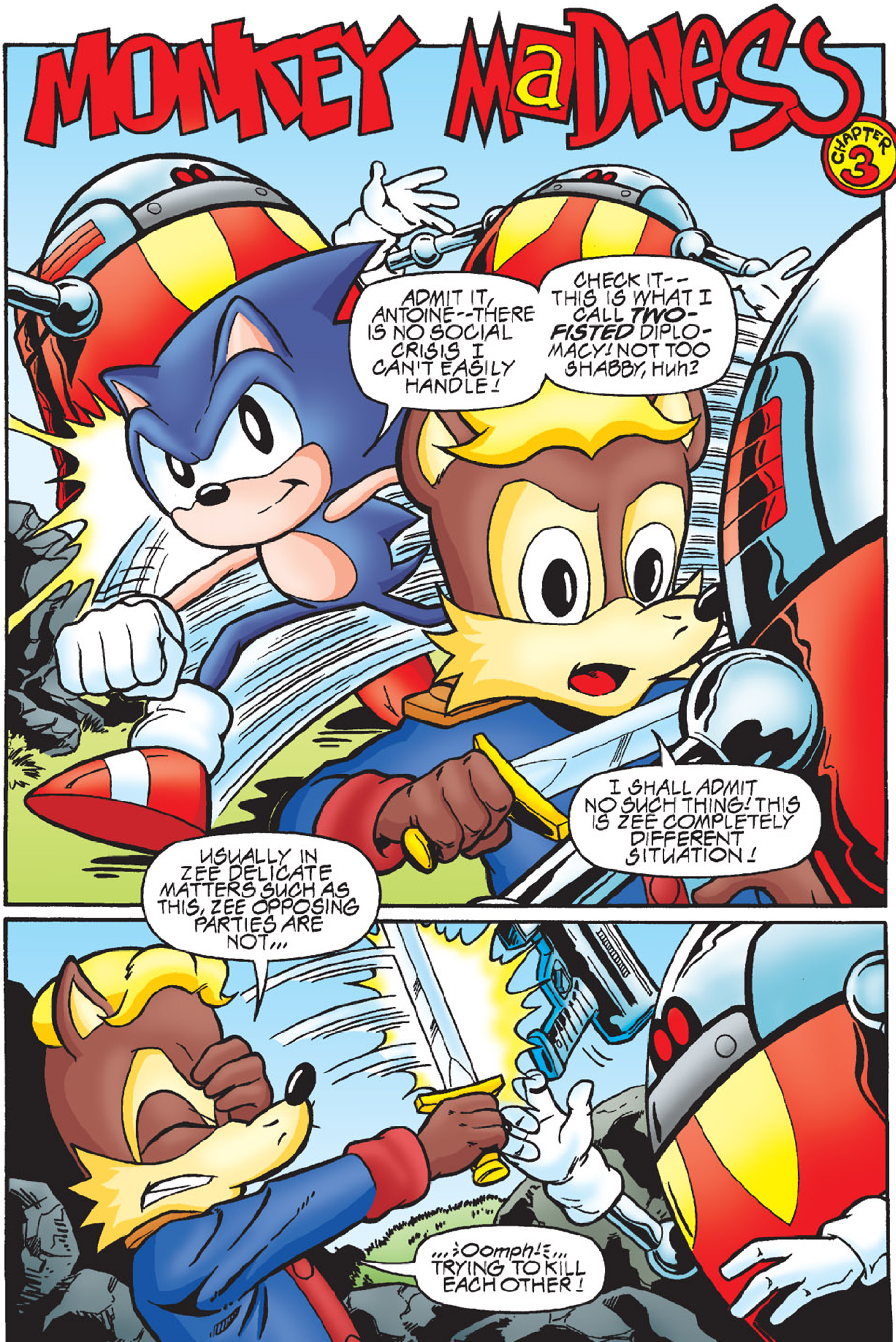

UNIDENTIFIED-SUBJECT-HAS-STOLEN-THE-POWER-RING!
ALL-EGG-UNITS, ELIMINATE-SUBJECT!
THAT'S NOT SO EASILY ACCOMPLISHED, BOLT-BRAIN!
I MAY BE A BIT RUSTY AFTER SITTING ON MY BUTT FOR SO LONG...
...BUT THE DAY I CAN'T MOP THE FLOOR WITH A BUNCH OF TIN-PLATED CYBER-DRONES IS THE DAY I THINK ABOUT A RETIREMENT PLAN!
BUT WHY GET BOGGED DOWN WITH SUCH MUNDANE CONCERNS, WHEN THERE'S A POPSICLE STAND JUST WAITING TO BE BLOWN... TO BITS?
SUBJECT-HAS-DESTROYED-THE ATOM-DRILL! ALL UNITS-REGROUP! ALL-UNITS...


...OBLITERATED! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THIS MONKEY KHAN CHARACTER MUST BE STOPPED! HE WON'T CATCH A SECOND EGGBOT SQUAD SO OFF GUARD...
SURLY SIMIAN SHOWOFF! WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS ANYWAYS?
APPARENTLY, HE'S A CYBORG CREATED BY ROBOTNIK, A LONG TIME AGO, BUT...
ROBOTNIK?!?
THAT'S ALL I NEED TO HEAR! IF BUTTNIK BUILT HIM, HE CAN'T BE UP TO ANY GOOD. BELIEVE IT!
EVEN IF HE DID WASTE ALL THOSE EGGBOTS, I DON'T TRUST HIM!
NO, SONIC! WAIT!
YO, MONKEY-BOY! TIME TO GET SERIOUS-- YOU'RE GOING ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE HOG, NOW!
WHAT TH--? OOF!

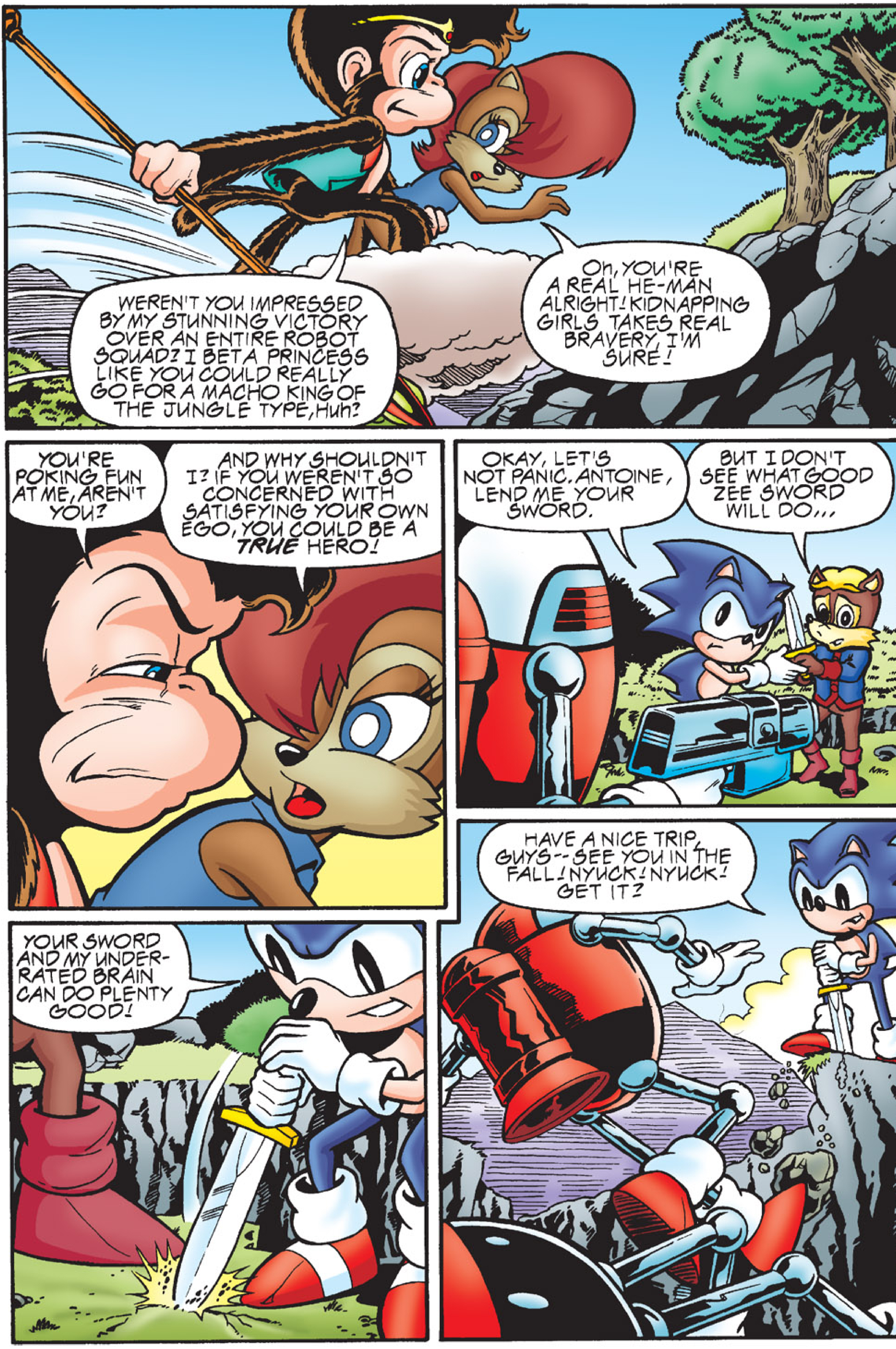

GRR-RRR!
GET A GRIP, MAGILLA--YOU'RE LOSIN' YOUR COOL AND IT'S ONLY THE TOP OF THE FIRST!
KNOCK IT OFF, SONIC! MONKEY KHAN'S NOT OUR ENEMY! HE'S REBELED AGAINST ROBOTNIK! HE'S ON **OUR** SIDE!
OOFAH! SUCH RADIANT BEAUTY! I HADN'T NOTICED BEFORE!
AND MONKEY KHAN HAS BEEN ALONE FAR TOO LONG!
I SHALL NOW DEVOTE MY EVERY WAKING HOUR TO BASKING IN THE HEAVENLY GLOW OF YOUR LOVELINESS!
HEY! PUT ME **DOWN**, YA BIG APE! I'M NOT IN THE MARKET FOR A **BOY-FRIEND**!
SALLY!



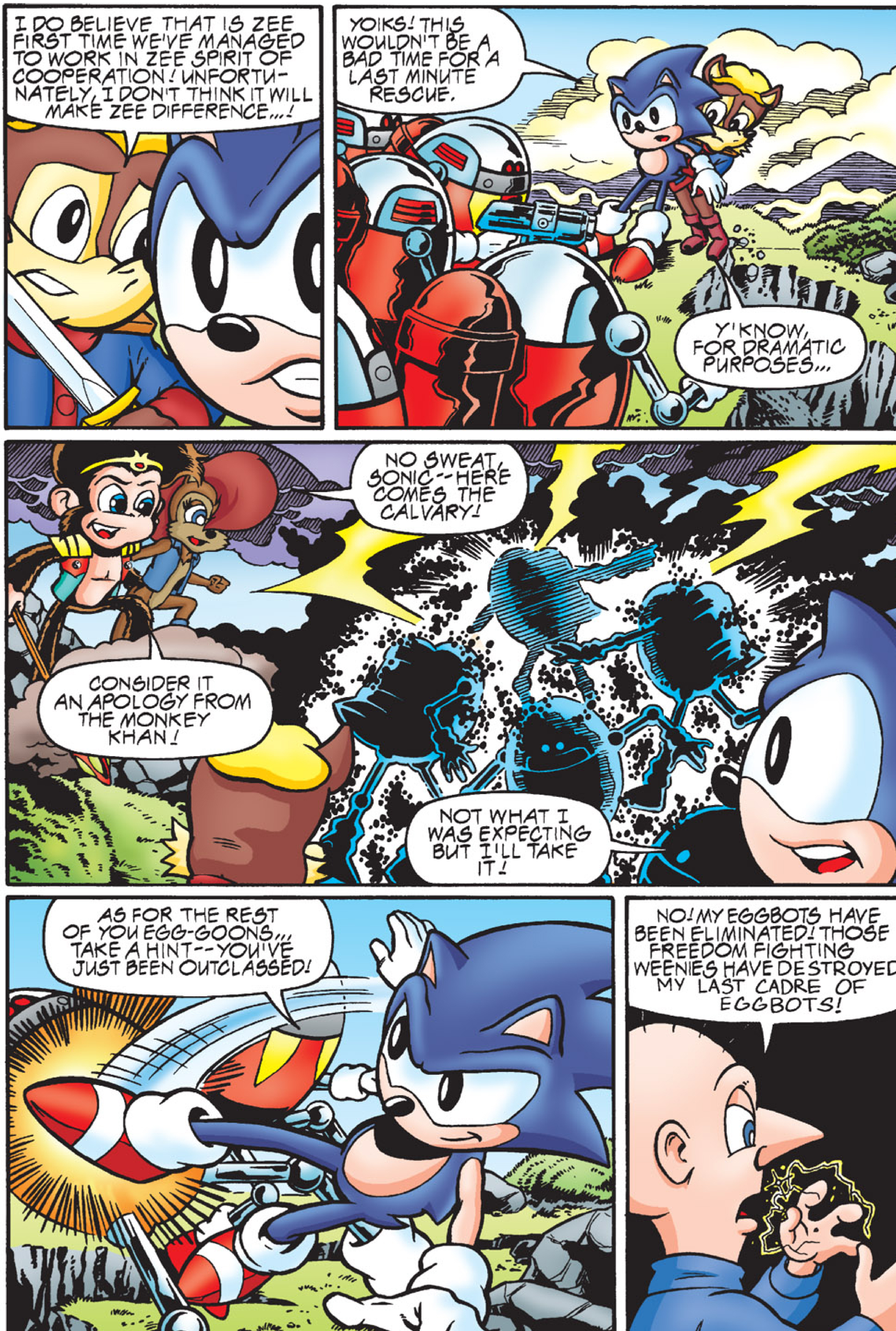
WHAT A MEGA-MESS! THAT MONKEY-CLOWN IS MAKIN' OFF WITH SALLY! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
ZERE IS BUT ONE COURSE OF ACTION...
...ADMIT THAT ZIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
WHADDAYA MEAN MY FAULT?!
I HATE TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT ZEE DIPLOMACY IS NOT YOUR STRONG SUIT. YOU CAN'T SEEM TO GET ALONG WITH ANYBODY!
TO HECK WITH THE PSYCHO-ANALYSIS!
WE'RE NOT GONNA ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING BY STANDING AROUND HERE TALKING!
Ah, IT IS TRUE THEN--ZEE ART OF CONVERSATION IS DEAD!
Gleep. AN EGGBOT AMBUSH!
PERHAPS NOW IS ZEE GOOD TIME TO START TALKING AFTER ALL...!


MONKEY MADNESS
CHAPTER 3
ADMIT IT, ANTOINE--THERE IS NO SOCIAL CRISIS I CAN'T EASILY HANDLE!
CHECK IT-- THIS IS WHAT I CALL ***TWO-FISTED*** DIPLOMACY! NOT TOO SHABBY, HUH?
I SHALL ADMIT NO SUCH THING! THIS IS ZEE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SITUATION!
USUALLY IN ZEE DELICATE MATTERS SUCH AS THIS, ZEE OPPOSING PARTIES ARE NOT...
...¡Oomph!¡... TRYING TO KILL EACH OTHER!

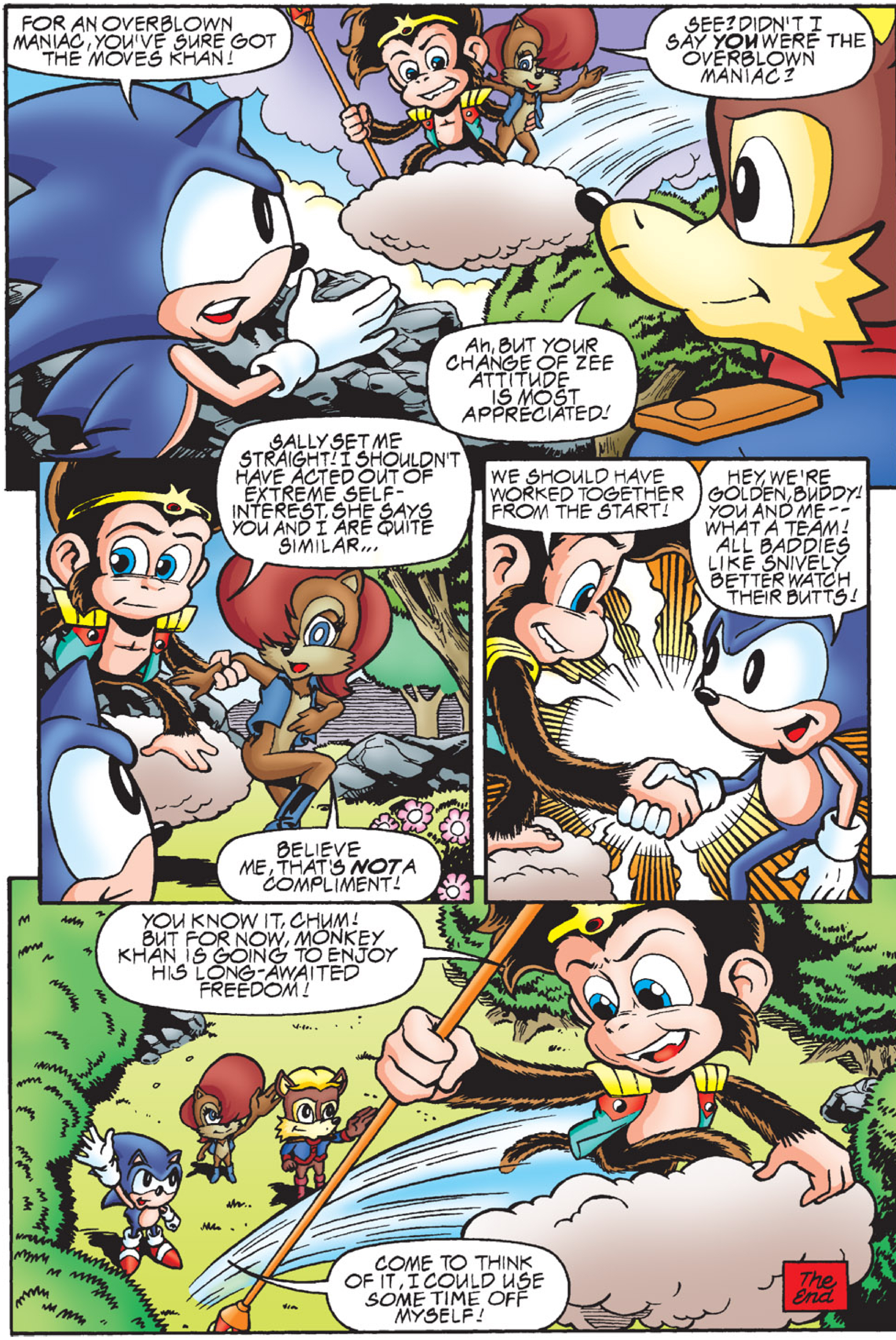

Oh, PUH-**LEASE!** EASE UP ON THE YAMMERING--MY EARS CAN ONLY TAKE SO MUCH!
YA WIN FIGHTS WITH YOUR FISTS, NOT YOUR MOUTH!
YOU SEE? THAT IS YOUR SOLUTION FOR EVERYTHING--VIOLENCE!
CUT TO THE CHASE, ANTOINE--WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?
THAT YOU ARE INSUFFERABLE... ANTAG-ONISTIC... YOU DON'T PLAY WELL WITH OTHERS AND...
...AND YOU SHOULD WATCH YOUR STEP!
WHOA! THAT WAS CLOSE! LUCKY FOR ME I DIDN'T TAKE A HEADER RIGHT INTO THAT PIT!
I GET ZEE FEELING WE'RE MERELY POSTPONING ZEE INEVITIBLE!
THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY CALL A *"CLIFFHANGER"*...!



WEREN'T YOU IMPRESSED BY MY STUNNING VICTORY OVER AN ENTIRE ROBOT SQUAD? I BET A PRINCESS LIKE YOU COULD REALLY GO FOR A MACHO KING OF THE JUNGLE TYPE, Huh?
Oh, YOU'RE A REAL HE-MAN ALRIGHT! KIDNAPPING GIRLS TAKES REAL BRAVERY, I'M SURE!
YOU'RE POKING FUN AT ME, AREN'T YOU?
AND WHY SHOULDN'T I? IF YOU WEREN'T SO CONCERNED WITH SATISFYING YOUR OWN EGO, YOU COULD BE A TRUE HERO!
OKAY, LET'S NOT PANIC. ANTOINE, LEND ME YOUR SWORD.
BUT I DON'T SEE WHAT GOOD ZEE SWORD WILL DO...
YOUR SWORD AND MY UNDER-RATED BRAIN CAN DO PLENTY GOOD!
HAVE A NICE TRIP, GUYS-- SEE YOU IN THE FALL! NYUCK! NYUCK! GET IT?

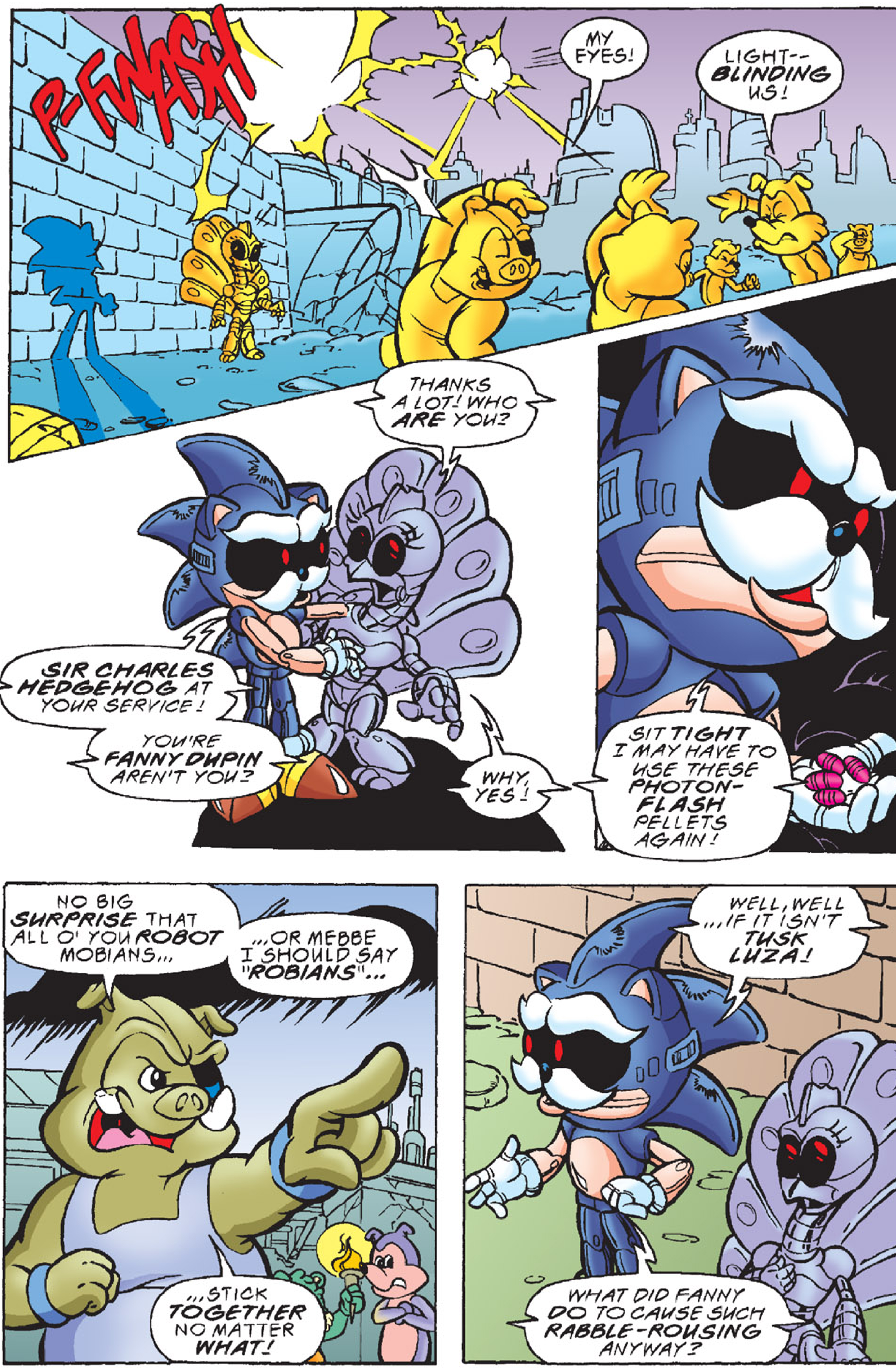


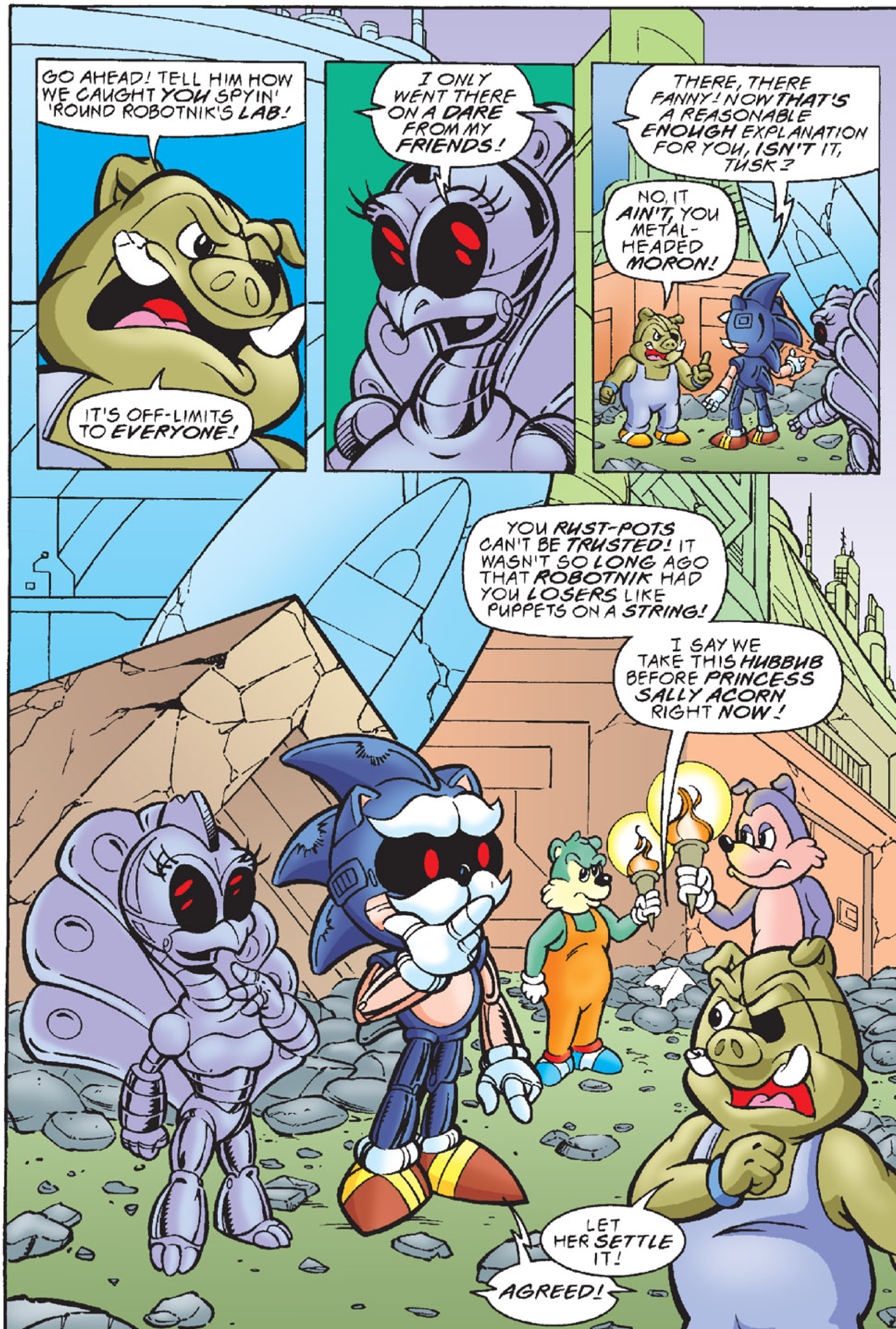
I DO BELIEVE THAT IS ZEE FIRST TIME WE'VE MANAGED TO WORK IN ZEE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION! UNFORTUNATELY, I DON'T THINK IT WILL MAKE ZEE DIFFERENCE...!
YOIKS! THIS WOULDN'T BE A BAD TIME FOR A LAST MINUTE RESCUE.
Y'KNOW, FOR DRAMATIC PURPOSES...
NO SWEAT, SONIC--HERE COMES THE CALVARY!
CONSIDER IT AN APOLOGY FROM THE MONKEY KHAN!
NOT WHAT I WAS EXPECTING BUT I'LL TAKE IT!
AS FOR THE REST OF YOU EGG-GOONS... TAKE A HINT--YOU'VE JUST BEEN OUTCLASSED!
NO! MY EGGBOTS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED! THOSE FREEDOM FIGHTING WEENIES HAVE DESTROYED MY LAST CADRE OF EGGBOTS!

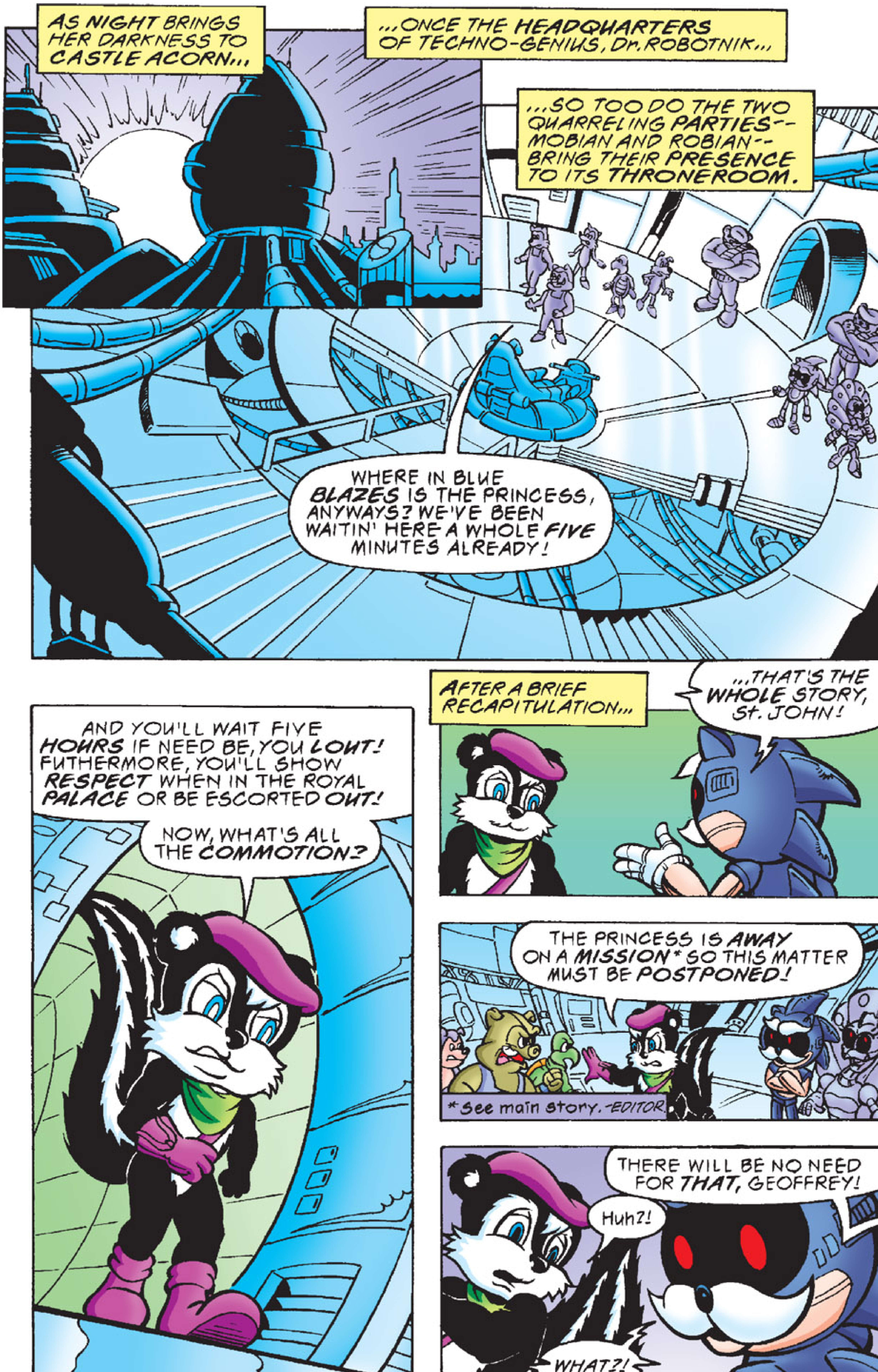

FOR AN OVERBLOWN MANIAC, YOU'VE SURE GOT THE MOVES KHAN!
SEE? DIDN'T I SAY YOU WERE THE OVERBLOWN MANIAC?
Ah, BUT YOUR CHANGE OF ZEE ATTITUDE IS MOST APPRECIATED!
SALLY SET ME STRAIGHT! I SHOULDN'T HAVE ACTED OUT OF EXTREME SELF-INTEREST. SHE SAYS YOU AND I ARE QUITE SIMILAR...
BELIEVE ME, THAT'S NOT A COMPLIMENT!
WE SHOULD HAVE WORKED TOGETHER FROM THE START!
HEY, WE'RE GOLDEN, BUDDY! YOU AND ME -- WHAT A TEAM! ALL BADDIES LIKE SNIVELY BETTER WATCH THEIR BUTTS!
YOU KNOW IT, CHUM! BUT FOR NOW, MONKEY KHAN IS GOING TO ENJOY HIS LONG-AWAITED FREEDOM!
COME TO THINK OF IT, I COULD USE SOME TIME OFF MYSELF!
The End

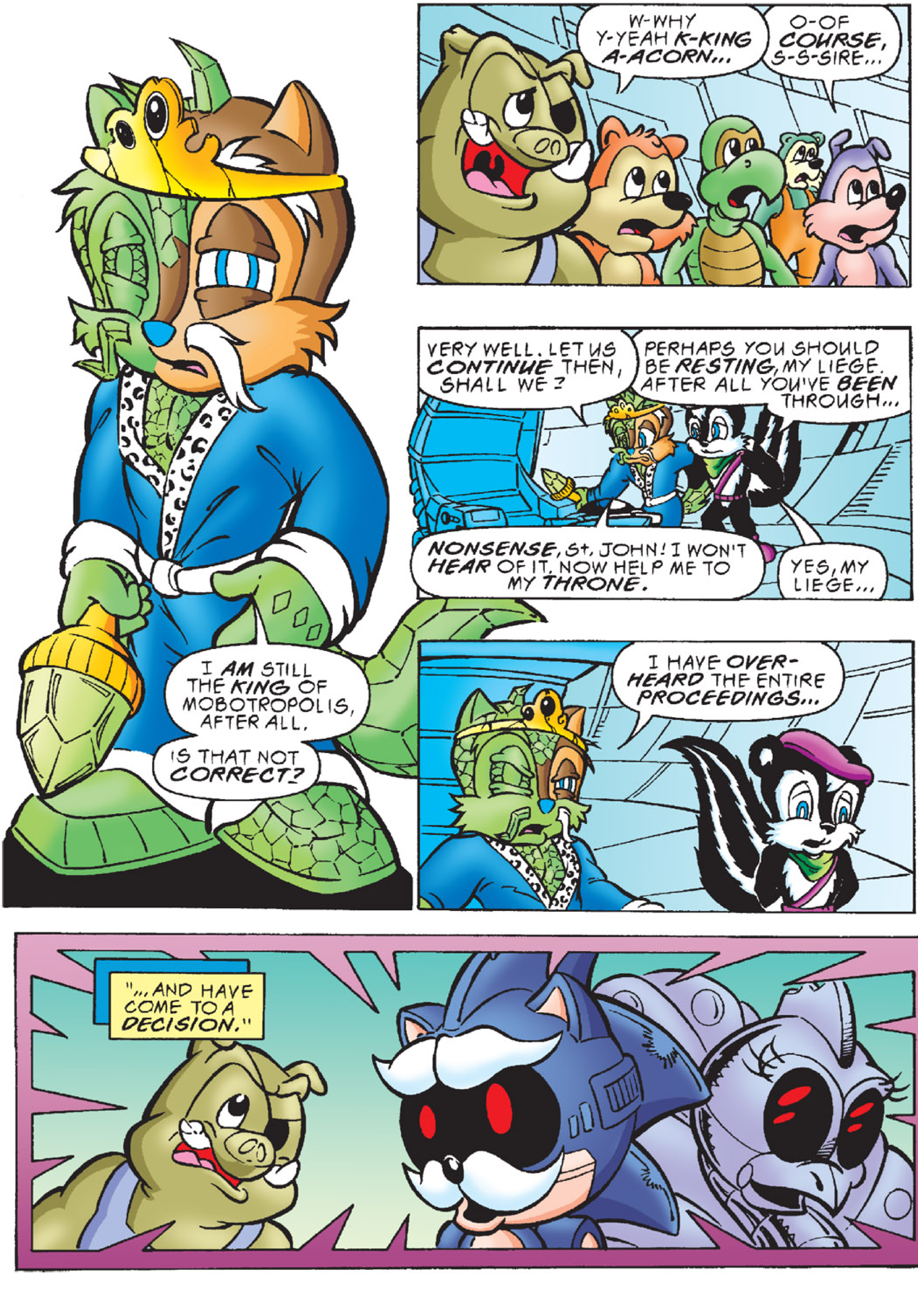


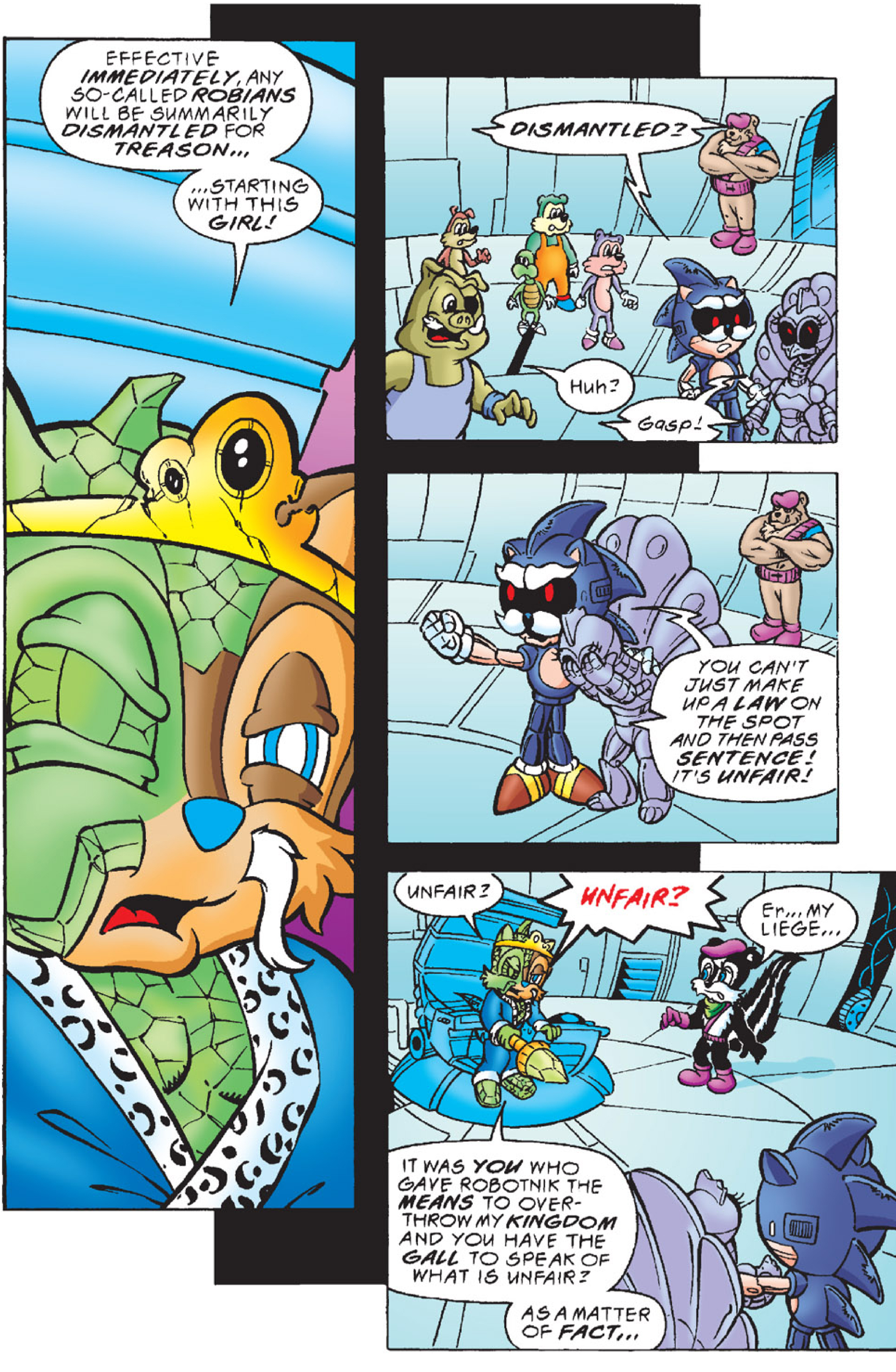
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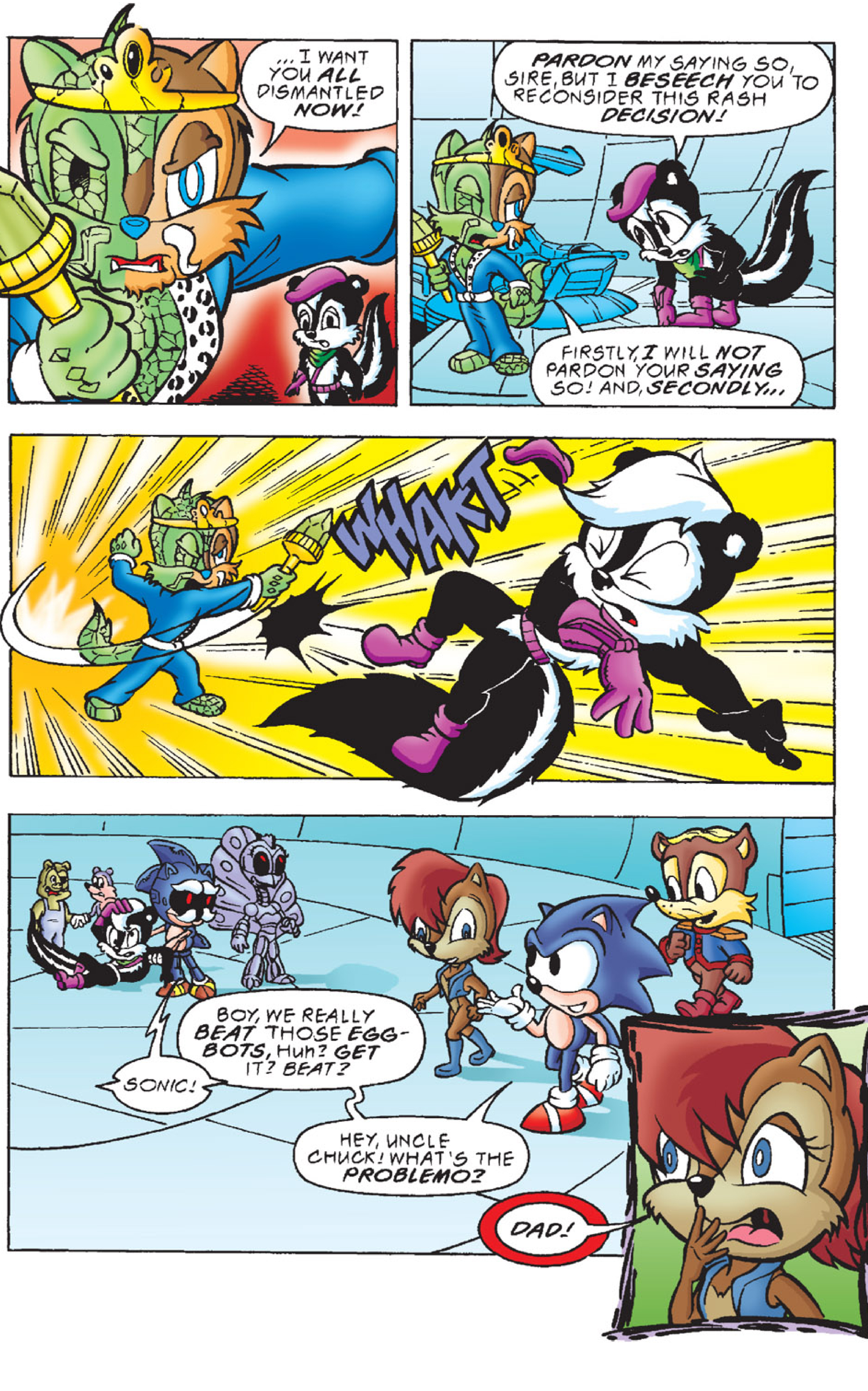

P-FWASH
MY EYES!
LIGHT-- BLINDING US!
THANKS A LOT! WHO ARE YOU?
SIR CHARLES HEDGEHOG AT YOUR SERVICE!
YOU'RE FANNY DUPIN AREN'T YOU?
WHY, YES!
SIT TIGHT I MAY HAVE TO USE THESE PHOTON-FLASH PELLETS AGAIN!
NO BIG SURPRISE THAT ALL O' YOU ROBOT MOBIANS...
...OR MEBBE I SHOULD SAY "ROBIANS"...
...STICK TOGETHER NO MATTER WHAT!
WELL, WELL ...IF IT ISN'T TUSK LUZA!
WHAT DID FANNY DO TO CAUSE SUCH RABBLE-ROUSING ANYWAY?


GO AHEAD! TELL HIM HOW WE CAUGHT YOU SPYIN' 'ROUND ROBOTNIK'S LAB!
IT'S OFF-LIMITS TO EVERYONE!
I ONLY WENT THERE ON A DARE FROM MY FRIENDS!
THERE, THERE FANNY! NOW THAT'S A REASONABLE ENOUGH EXPLANATION FOR YOU, ISN'T IT, TUSK?
NO, IT AIN'T, YOU METAL-HEADED MORON!
YOU RUST-POTS CAN'T BE TRUSTED! IT WASN'T SO LONG AGO THAT ROBOTNIK HAD YOU LOSERS LIKE PUPPETS ON A STRING!
I SAY WE TAKE THIS HUBBUB BEFORE PRINCESS SALLY ACORN RIGHT NOW!
LET HER SETTLE IT!
AGREED!

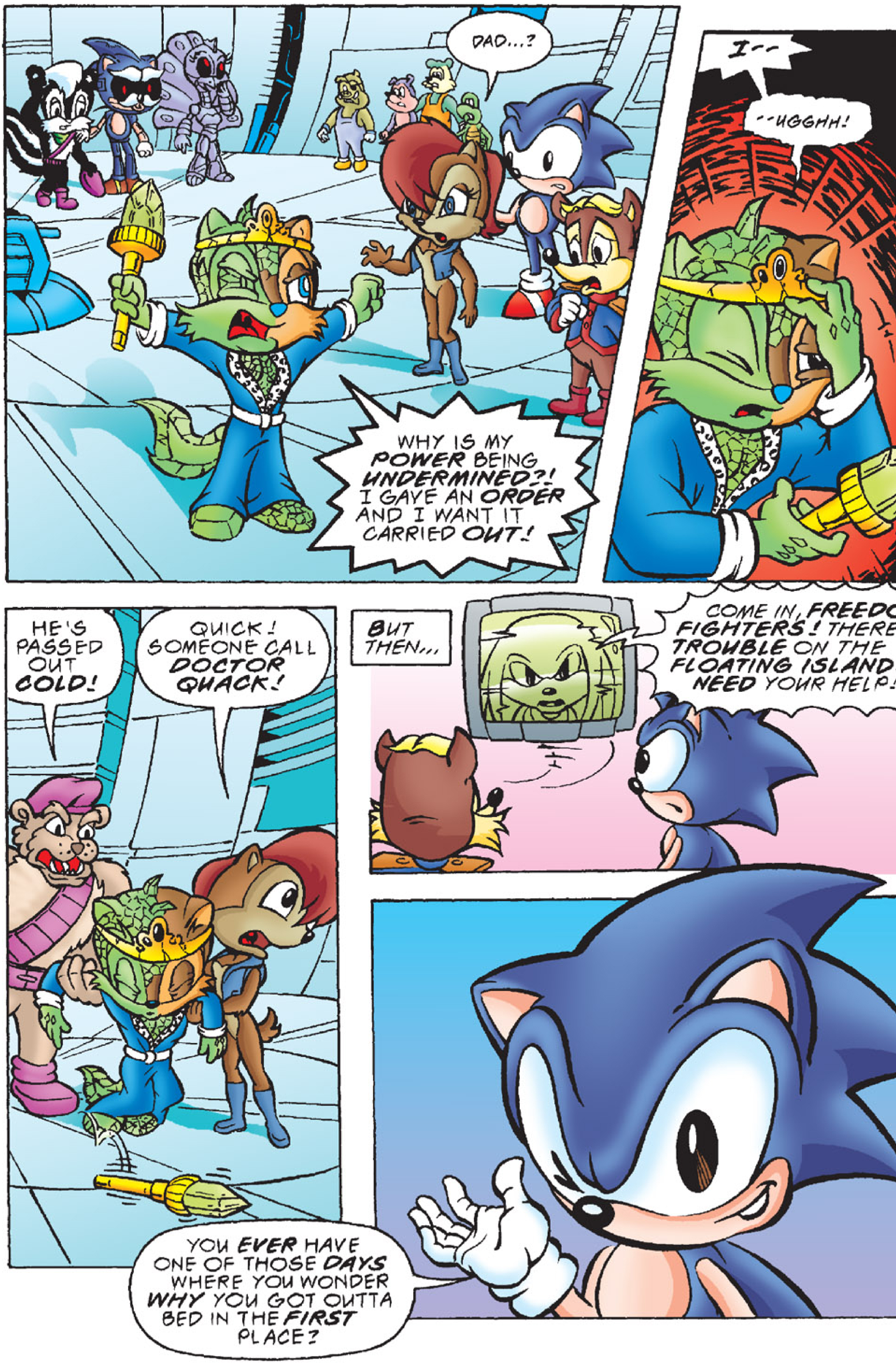

AS NIGHT BRINGS HER DARKNESS TO CASTLE ACORN...
...ONCE THE HEADQUARTERS OF TECHNO-GENIUS, Dr. ROBOTNIK...
...SO TOO DO THE TWO QUARRELING PARTIES--MOBIAN AND ROBIAN--BRING THEIR PRESENCE TO ITS THRONEROOM.
WHERE IN BLUE BLAZES IS THE PRINCESS, ANYWAYS? WE'VE BEEN WAITIN' HERE A WHOLE FIVE MINUTES ALREADY!
AND YOU'LL WAIT FIVE HOURS IF NEED BE, YOU LOUT! FUTHERMORE, YOU'LL SHOW RESPECT WHEN IN THE ROYAL PALACE OR BE ESCORTED OUT!
NOW, WHAT'S ALL THE COMMOTION?
AFTER A BRIEF RECAPITULATION...
...THAT'S THE WHOLE STORY, St. JOHN!
THE PRINCESS IS AWAY ON A MISSION* SO THIS MATTER MUST BE POSTPONED!
*See main story. -EDITOR
THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR THAT, GEOFFREY!
Huh?!
WHAT?!


W-WHY Y-YEAH K-KING A-ACORN...
O-OF COURSE, S-S-SIRE...
I AM STILL THE KING OF MOBOTROPOLIS, AFTER ALL.
IS THAT NOT CORRECT?
VERY WELL. LET US CONTINUE THEN, SHALL WE?
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD BE RESTING, MY LIEGE. AFTER ALL YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH...
NONSENSE, St. JOHN! I WON'T HEAR OF IT. NOW HELP ME TO MY THRONE.
YES, MY LIEGE...
I HAVE OVER-HEARD THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS...
"...AND HAVE COME TO A DECISION."


EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ANY SO-CALLED ROBIANS WILL BE SUMMARILY DISMANTLED FOR TREASON...
...STARTING WITH THIS GIRL!
DISMANTLED?
Huh?
Gasp!
YOU CAN'T JUST MAKE UP A LAW ON THE SPOT AND THEN PASS SENTENCE! IT'S UNFAIR!
UNFAIR?
UNFAIR?
Er... MY LIEGE...
IT WAS YOU WHO GAVE ROBOTNIK THE MEANS TO OVER-THROW MY KINGDOM AND YOU HAVE THE GALL TO SPEAK OF WHAT IS UNFAIR?
AS A MATTER OF FACT...



...I WANT YOU ALL DISMANTLED NOW!
PARDON MY SAYING SO, SIRE, BUT I BESEECH YOU TO RECONSIDER THIS RASH DECISION!
FIRSTLY, I WILL NOT PARDON YOUR SAYING SO! AND, SECONDLY...
WHAKT
SONIC!
BOY, WE REALLY BEAT THOSE EGG-BOTS, Huh? GET IT? BEAT?
HEY, UNCLE CHUCK! WHAT'S THE PROBLEMO?
DAD!


DAD...?
WHY IS MY POWER BEING UNDERMINED?! I GAVE AN ORDER AND I WANT IT CARRIED OUT!
I--
--UGGHH!
HE'S PASSED OUT COLD!
QUICK! SOMEONE CALL DOCTOR QUACK!
BUT THEN...
COME IN, FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THERE'S TROUBLE ON THE FLOATING ISLAND! WE NEED YOUR HELP!
YOU EVER HAVE ONE OF THOSE DAYS WHERE YOU WONDER WHY YOU GOT OUTTA BED IN THE FIRST PLACE?